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## Preview of Artropolis Lineup for April 2008 - Includes New Fair

After a dramatic arrival at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour in 2006, **Art Chicago™** returned to the Merchandise Mart in 2007 as the centerpiece of **Artropolis™**, Chicago's Celebration of Art, Antiques & Culture. In April 2008, Art Chicago™ will build on 2007's many successes; the fair will move to the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Mart, and it will feature over 140 leading international galleries, bringing contemporary and modern art and the world's finest established and emerging artists to the city. Curators, collectors and art enthusiasts from around the world, as well as Chicagoans, will encounter what's happening in today's contemporary art world, and while they are here they will of course experience the best of our remarkable city!

New in 2008 is **NEXT**, a curated invitational of emerging art. NEXT will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, where Art Chicago™ took place in 2007. It will complement the main shows in Artropolis™ by focusing on new and emerging work in international contemporary galleries. NEXT was developed by Chicago West Loop gallery owner Kavi Gupta, Kavi Gupta Gallery, and Christian Viveros-Faune.

Also part of Artropolis™ again is the 11<sup>th</sup> annual **Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair™**, which will feature over 100 international fine art and antique dealers.

Satellite shows part of Artropolis™ will include **The Intuit Show**, featuring folk and outsider art, and **The Artist Project**, featuring work by artists not currently represented in galleries.

Visitors to Artropolis™ will again be treated to excellent lectures and programming at the fair, and many other events will take place around the city at major cultural institutions and in area galleries as part of Artropolis™. Watch for a calendar of corresponding events later this winter on the Artropolis™ website (see below).

April 2008 promises to be a time for everyone to celebrate Chicago and its importance in the international art community while welcoming visitors from around the world.

Extensive coverage of and a guide to Artropolis™ will be available this spring in our April – August 2008 issue.

### ARTROPOLIS™

Chicago's Celebration of Art, Antiques & Culture

**April 25 – 28, 2008**

The Merchandise Mart

[www.merchandisemart.com/artropolis](http://www.merchandisemart.com/artropolis)

### Dates and Hours for Artropolis™

Thursday, April 24 – Opening Night Preview

Friday, April 25 – 11am – 7pm

Saturday, April 26 – 11am – 7pm

Sunday, April 27 – 11am – 6pm

Monday, April 28 – 11am – 4pm

